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MESSAGE: Good morning Please review the attached documents
regarding Mr. Chastain's issue with new FCC regulations.
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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December 3, 2015

Mr. Mike Babbs
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RE: Michael Chastain,
Talking Rock Communications

Dear Mr. Babbs,

I recently received the enclosed information from the above-named constituent regarding a situation as described with the Federal Communications Commission.

I would appreciate your reviewing this matter and replying to my office in Dalton, Georgia.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

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Please complete the identification below that pertains to your inquiry request.

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____
VA File Number: _____ Claim Number: _____
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Please indicate the Federal Agency involved in your inquiry request: FCC

Nature of Problem: Please give a brief statement below regarding the nature of the problem you are experiencing and the assistance you are seeking. Attach additional papers or documentation, if necessary.

Statement: Email exchange with Tom concerning
FCC on 11-25-15.

thanks for the help!

Mike

I authorize the office and staff of Congressman Tom Graves to contact the above stated agency or any other applicable government agency, whether it be state, federal or local on my behalf and to inspect, copy, examine or inquire regarding my records on file, with such agency or entity whether protected by the Privacy act.

Signature: Michael D. Chastain Date: 12-3-15

responded to email 11/30/15
w/ attached authorization

Inbound Email

Created on 11/25/2015 - mikechastain@mindspring.com

Mr. Mike Chastain

Upcoming FCC Carrier Identification Regulation

Congressman Graves,

I'm Mike Chastain with Talking Rock Communications in Jasper, GA and I wanted to reach out to you and your office to see if you could help our small family owned business with a new FCC CID regulation that is due to go into place in June of 2016.

My parents own Talking Rock Communications and you might remember meeting my dad John Chastain around Jasper at one time or another. My uncle Jerry Chastain was on the Pickens County School Board around the same time you were in the State House if my memory is correct. My dad retired from TRC about 5 years ago leaving me to try and keep things going.

Onto the matter at hand, Talking Rock Communications is a satellite uplinking company based in Jasper, GA. We operate 4 satellite uplink trucks in the southeast covering sporting events, concerts and breaking news. I'm sure in your career you've seen quite a few news trucks so put a satellite dish on top of one and that's a uplink truck. As you can imagine these trucks are very expensive to build and maintain now throw in the new FCC regulation and let's not forget our economy has not yet recovered!

Here is the report the FCC posted in August of 2013 detailing there plan.

https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-111A1.pdf Basically the new FCC regulation says I must identify who I am by embedding a Carrier Identification (CID) into the video signal I transmit. They say this is being done to cut down on people transmitting rogue signals and so they can identify those committing the errors but not everyone has to abide by the new regulation and are exempt based on certain criteria. Now the companies in the television broadcast industry like us have spent several

hundred thousand dollars on building our trucks and training our personnel so I highly doubt we're the ones causing the issues in the satellite industry the FCC feels they need to crack down on.

Our equipment is top of the line and some of the best money can buy but come June 2016 we will have to upgrade because it will not meet the new CID standard according to the FCC. Our equipment is 3-4 years old but as the new regulation was being worked out by the FCC some of the equipment manufacturers said they would not be able to upgrade their equipment to meet the new regulation with software and it would require purchasing new equipment. Gee...who saw that coming!! If we had to do that we would be looking at close to \$100,000.00 (\$24,000 per truck because you have to have a primary and a backup on each truck) for just that one part of the video transmission signal chain.

Unfortunately we've had to realign things personnel wise here at TRC over the last couple of years as this FCC regulation was coming into place so we've been able to cut our cost and lessen the affect of the new regulation. At your earliest convenience will you check into the new FCC Carrier ID Regulation that goes into place June 2016 and see if there is anyway it can be repealed or delayed.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Chastain

President-GM

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